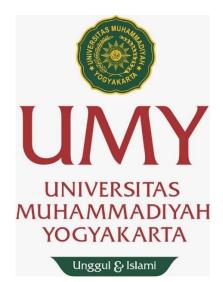
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"Caretake this moment. Immerse yourself in its particulars. Respond to this person, this challenge, this deed. Quit evasions. Stop giving yourself needless trouble. It is time to really live; to fully inhabit the situation you happen to be in now."

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CDA	: Constitution Drafting Assembly
FFP	: Future Forward Party
LGBTQ+	: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer
MFP	: Move Forward Party
NCPO	: National Council for Peace and Order
NHRC	: National Human Rights Commission
PIIE	: Peterson Institute for International Economics
PPP	: People's Power Party
PT	: Pheu Thai Party
TSN	: Thai Save the Nation
UNDP	: United Nations Development Programme
USAID	: United States Agency for International Development